

## Creating a Google Earth Tour

---

Google Earth has many tools that allow you to enhance your lessons with maps and tours. There are layers you can add to enhance the view—streets, 3D buildings, and a Gallery full of informative extras!

What's in the sidebar? There are three parts:

- Search—type in an address or landmark to “fly to”

- Places—keep a collection of the places you've visited as well as folders containing tours

- Layers—things you can add to the maps

What is a Tour?

A tour is a collection of places; you can follow along from one to another to trace the order of events that have happened, such as battles in a war or characters in a story. You can find tours already completed and download them to your computer to follow—or create them for your students to follow—or have your students create them! It's easy . . . here's how:

Launch Google Earth.

- Make sure you are able to get online; it's an application that needs access to the internet.

In the Places section, create a folder—name it appropriately!

In the Search section, type in the address (or name of landmark) of the first site

Once you “arrive”, click the pin in toolbar to mark first place

Name your location; in the description box, type information you would like to have appear

Type in next address – go!

Click pin to mark, rename, etc.

Continue to finish the tour. Each site should save in your folder. If it doesn't, drag and drop it in

Can move/order places within folder

- Sites can be moved and dropped so they appear in the order in which you will visit them

To add a path to connect sites (optional):

- Go to Add, Path

- Click on pins to mark places

- Command-I to edit

Click on play button to follow path

Click on folder—go to File—Save—Save Place As; name the tour  
saves as a KMZ file (Google Earth file)

Note: Adding Path is optional, but it starts with an overview and will zoom in to each place.

